

## HISTORIC RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF MIGRANTS

- *A Judge orders that the National Institute on Migration immediately release migrants detained in migratory stations; report on the number of people detained across the country and their current situation; and rules against detention of migrant children and adolescents.*

**Mexico City on April 18, 2020.-** Yesterday, the Secretary of the First District Court in Administrative Matters, acting as judge, Arturo Israel Domínguez Adame, created an unprecedented agreement through eleven measures to preserve the life and health of the more than two thousand migrants and asylum seekers, as reported by the National Institute of Migration (INM), that are detained at the provisional immigration stations and stays in the country.

Among the measures stipulated include the immediate release of migrants who are part of vulnerable groups, as well as permission to stay in the country which should include access to health; a detailed report from the INM regarding the number of migrants who are currently in detention in "migration stations" indicating their vulnerable conditions; establish a strategy so that the migrant population and those seeking international protection can benefit from financial support from the government; and guarantee that no girl, boy or adolescent is detained, considering that this population should not be held in migratory stations in accordance with the General Law on the Rights of Girls, Boys and Adolescents.

This action sets a precedent in regards to justice for migrants in Mexico, as it identifies the situation of risk that they face in the current health crisis due to COVID19. For this reason, it is ordered that the INM implement health prevention protocols for coronavirus within the more than 58 stations and provisional migratory stations; carry out periodic inspections in such spaces to verify compliance with the standards of respect for human rights, as well as provide access to information for detainees regarding the national health measures taken due to the pandemic.

For the organizations that promoted these protection measures and the more than 40 organizations that supported this action, it is important to highlight that although they are fundamental measures for the health of the entire migrant population in the context of the global pandemic, it is necessary that the actions carried out by the INM, the Ministry of the Interior, the Government of Mexico and the Ministry of Health, as a result of this suspension, consider as a minimum: access to health, food, and the physical and psychological integrity of migrants; for example, through the creation of direct financial aid programs for this population that allows them access to housing and food during the period of the health emergency.

In addition, these measures must take into consideration the rental or creation of sanitary and clean spaces that serve as accommodation for groups of no more than 50 people, without being considered part of the migration stations.

All migrants or those seeking international protection must have assured equal access to health services and must be included in national responses aimed at preventing and mitigating the transmission of the coronavirus. These health services must be equitable to those services received by the Mexican population and foreign persons with regular immigration status in the country.

Finally, the resolution establishes a term of twenty-four hours for the responsible authorities to submit to this court the respective report on compliance with the decreed measures, noncompliance with the order will result in a fine; In addition, these measures will be extended to any authority, all of whom must collaborate so that said determination is carried out.

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